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WITH ANY LUCK, I'LL FALL OFF!

STANDBY, BUGS! WE'RE ABOUT TO LEAP OVER TEN LORRIES LOADED WITH CARROTS!

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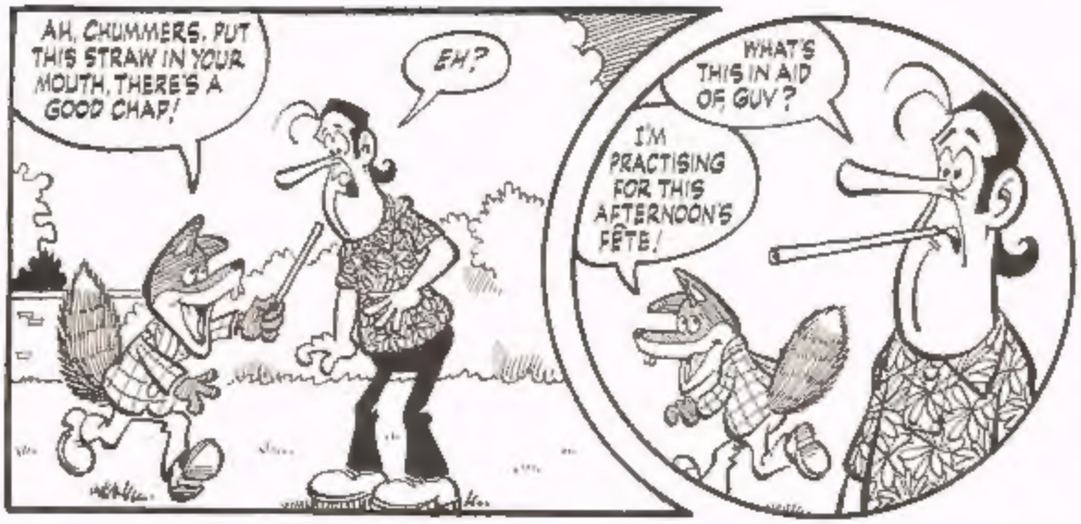
See what happens when the BISTO KIDS fall out!

BASIL BRUSH


AH, CHUMMERS. PUT THIS STRAW IN YOUR MOUTH, THERE'S A GOOD CHAP!
EH?
WHAT'S THIS IN AID OF, GUV?
I'M PRACTISING FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S FÊTE!

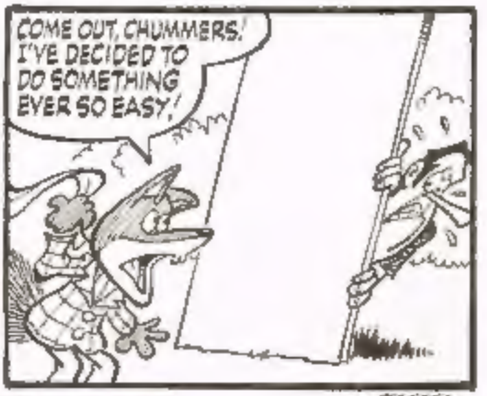
WITH A CRACK OF THE WHIP, I'LL SPLIT THE STRAW IN TWO!
EH?

NOT WHEN IT'S IN MY MOUTH, YOU WON'T!

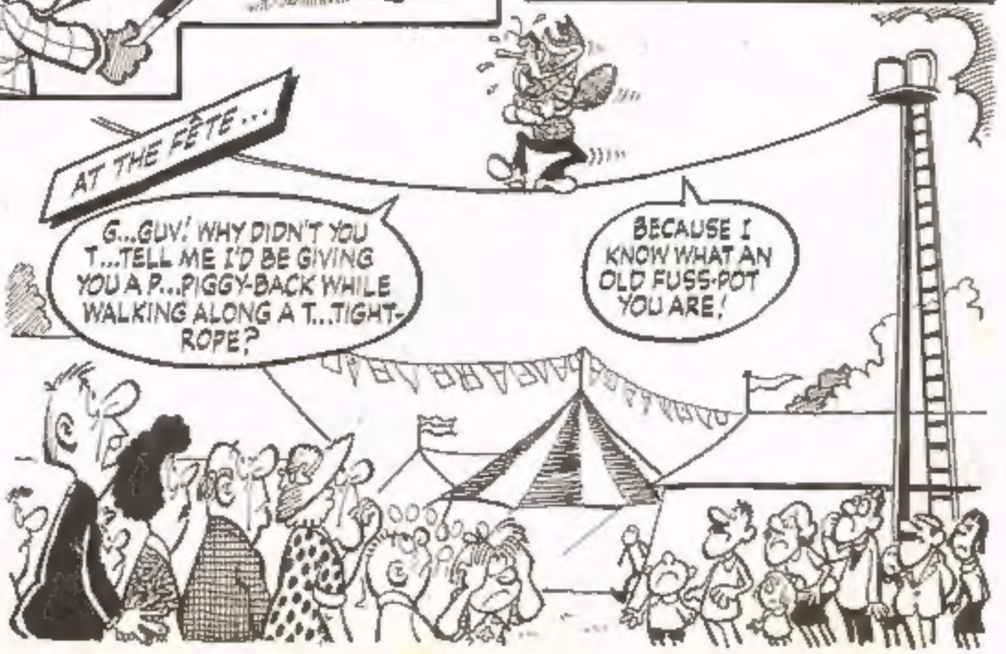
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS SPOIL THINGS? NOW I'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE!

SOON...
PUT THIS BLINDFOLD ON ME AND STAND OVER BY THAT BOARD!
WHAT'S THIS FOR?

MY KNIFE-THROWING ACT!
YOUR WHAT?


COME OUT, CHUMMERS! I'VE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING EVER SO EASY!

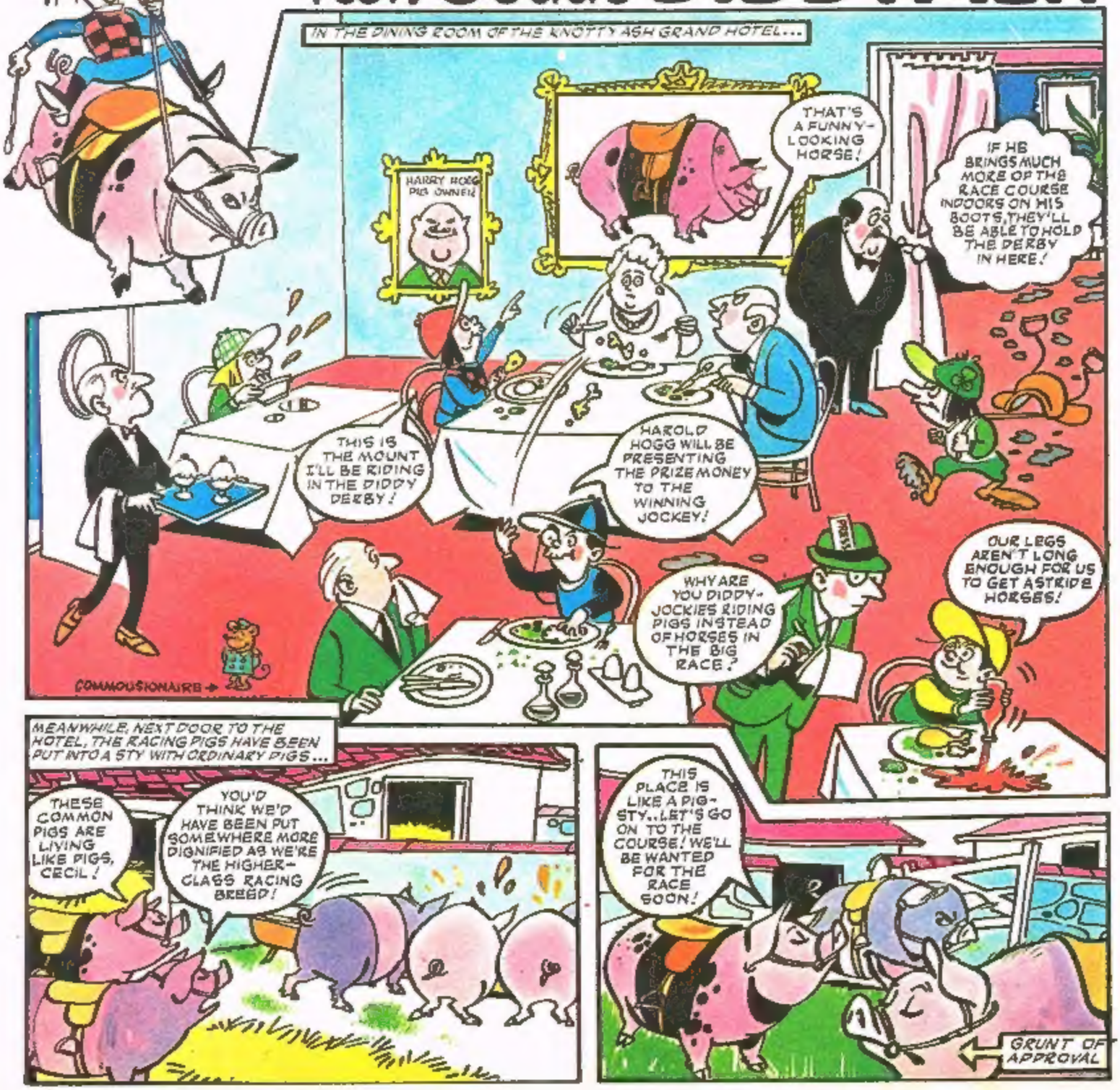
IT'S QUITE SAFE! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GIVE ME A PIGGY-BACK!
NO PROBLEM!


AT THE FÊTE...
G...GUV! WHY DIDN'T YOU T...TELL ME I'D BE GIVING YOU A P...PIGGY-BACK WHILE WALKING ALONG A T...TIGHT-ROPE?
BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT AN OLD FUSS-POT YOU ARE!

LEARN TO DANCE THE DIDDY-JIG

At a recent Diddy disco, Dicky Mint introduced the 'Diddy-Jig', which has taken Knotty Ash by storm. As Dicky Mint explained to our TV Comic dancing correspondent, "It's the same as a 'Thing-a-me-jig', only much, much faster. It's more furious than a Highland Fling and clonkier than a clog-dance!" WARNING: 'Diddy-Jigging' is very difficult for anyone not under a metre in height!

Ken Dodd's DIDDYMEN


IN THE DINING ROOM OF THE KNOTTY ASH GRAND HOTEL...
HARRY HOGG PIG OWNER
THAT'S A FUNNY-LOOKING HORSE!
IF HE BRINGS MUCH MORE OF THE RACE COURSE INDOORS ON HIS BOOTS, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO HOLD THE DERBY IN HERE!
THIS IS THE MOUNT I'LL BE RIDING IN THE DIDDY DERBY!
HAROLD HOGG WILL BE PRESENTING THE PRIZE MONEY TO THE WINNING JOCKEY!
WHY ARE YOU DIDDY-JOCKIES RIDING PIGS INSTEAD OF HORSES IN THE BIG RACE?
OUR LEGS AREN'T LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO GET ASTRIDE HORSES!
COMMOUSIONAIRE
MEANWHILE, NEXT DOOR TO THE HOTEL, THE RACING PIGS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO A STY WITH ORDINARY PIGS...
THESE COMMON PIGS ARE LIVING LIKE PIGS, CECIL!
YOU'D THINK WE'D HAVE BEEN PUT SOMEWHERE MORE DIGNIFIED AS WE'RE THE HIGHER-CLASS RACING BREED!
THIS PLACE IS LIKE A PIG-STY..LET'S GO ON TO THE COURSE! WE'LL BE WANTED FOR THE RACE SOON!
GRUNT OF APPROVAL

MINUTES LATER, THE DIDDY DERBY IS UNDER WAY...
WE'RE OFF!
YOU WILL BE IF YOU DON'T GET A GOOD GRIP WITH YOUR LEGS!
OCH, MY PIGS LOST IT'S HEAD!
ARR! I'VE BEEN SADDLED WITH A SLIPPERY SADDLE!
FROM THE GRANDSTAND, HAROLD HOGG, THE FAMOUS PIG OWNER, IS WATCHING THE RACE ...
BAH! THIS IS THE LAST TIME I LET THOSE DAFT DIDDY-JOCKEYS RIDE MY PRIZE PIGS!
WHOAH! EEEK!
WE'LL NEVER FINISH THE RACE AT THIS RATE -I HAVE A PLAN!
GOOD SHOW!
SO, THE PIGS CHANGE PLACES WITH THE DIDDY-MEN...
AH! THAT'S BETTER! NOW IT'LL BE A GOOD RACE!
OUCH! GO STEADY WITH THAT WHIP!
HOORAY! IT'S A DEAD-HEAT... WHAT A PERFECT PERFORMANCE BY MY PIGGIES!
FINISH
BAH!
AFTER THE RACE...
LET'S COLLECT OUR JOCKEY MONEY FROM HARRY HOGG.. WE'LL NEED IT TO BUY OINTMENT FOR OUR ACHES AND PAINS!
GROAN! MOAN!
A LITTLE LATER...
THE PIGS MAKE BETTER JOCKEYS THAN YOU SO I'M PAYING THEM YOUR MONEY AND THEY'RE GOING TO STAY IN THE GRANDE WITH ME!
GRANDE HOTEL
OH, NO!
OCH, WE'VE NO McMONEY... WHERE AEE WE GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT?...
THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE I CAN THINK OF WHERE THE FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION IS FREE!
SO, THE DIDDYMEN END UP IN A PIG-STY...
THIS PLACE IS MORE FRIENDLY THAN THE GRANDE HOTEL BUT THE FOOD IS DREADFUL!
DIDDY SWILL
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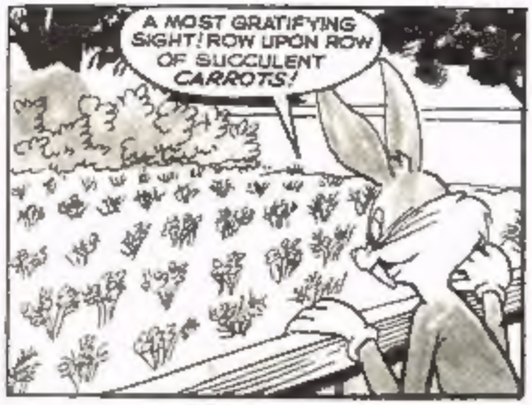
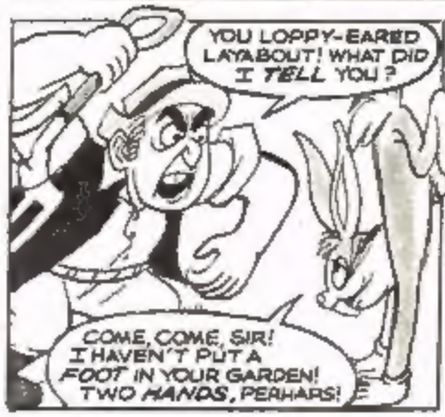
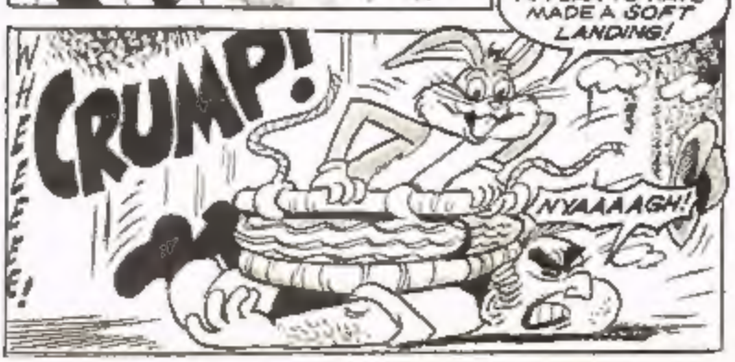
The 'BUGS BUNNY SHOW'







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Mr. Merlin

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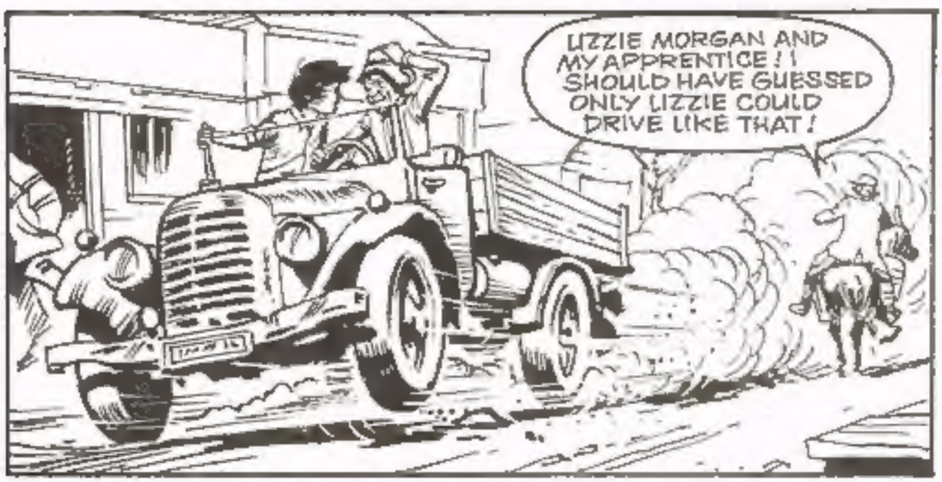
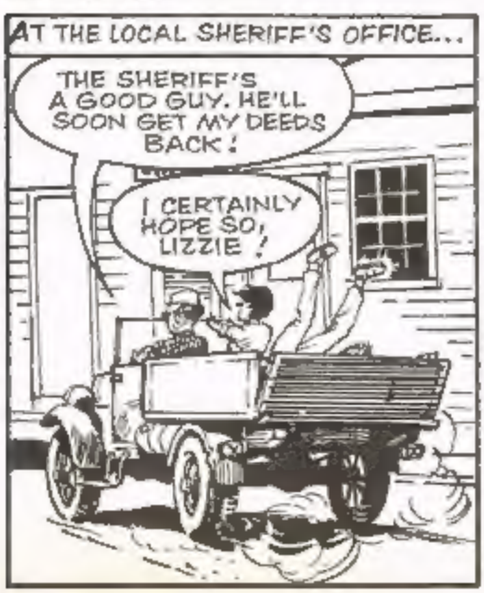
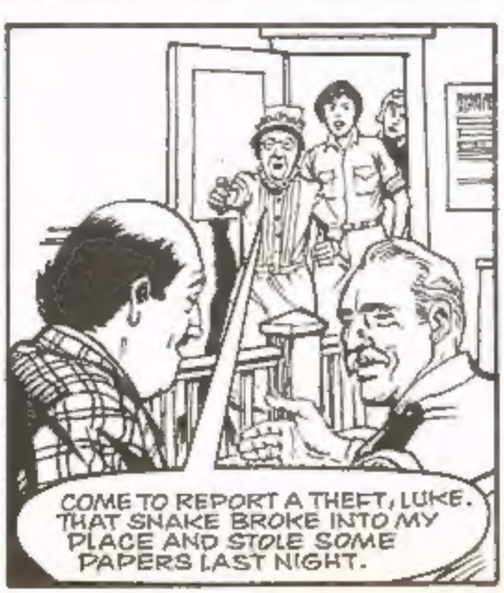
WHILE ZAC AND LEO WERE STAYING IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH LIZZIE MORGAN, JED STANFORD, A LOCAL PROPERTY SHARK, HAD STOLEN THE DEEDS TO LIZZIE'S HOUSE. HAVING DISCOVERED THIS IN HIS OWN MAGICAL WAY, MR. MERLIN HEADED FOR GOLDEN HILLS WITH HELP...
GUESS WE'VE ARRIVED, BARNEY. GOLDEN HILLS DOESN'T LOOK MUCH OF A PLACE.
WELCOME TO GOLDEN HILLS



SAY, THAT OLD GUY WE JUST PASSED, DOESN'T HE REMIND YOU OF SOMEONE?
SURE! HE'S THE SPITTIN' IMAGE OF MY OLD PAPPY! ANOTHER CRAZY PROSPECTOR!





IF IT WAS DARK, HOW COULD YOU BE CERTAIN, YOUNG FELLA? WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO SAY SO IN A COURT-ROOM?
WELL, ER... I GUESS IT WAS KIND OF DARK. I SUPPOSE I COULDN'T SAY FOR SURE.
LATER...
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T GET THOSE DEEDS BACK, LIZZIE?
RECKON STANFORD WILL FILE SOME SORT OF CLAIM ON MORGAN'S DREAM! HE'LL HAVE ME THROWN OUT OF MY OWN PLACE, ZAC!
WE'LL FIND A WAY OF STOPPING HIM. YOU'LL SEE, LIZZIE!
MEANWHILE, MR. MERLIN HAD PASSED THROUGH THE TOWN INTO THE HILLS...
THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT, BARNEY, I'D BETTER GET BUSY!
SOON...
THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK.
AMAZING THING, BARNEY. MEN SPEND THEIR LIVES LOOKING IN HOLES FOR THIS STUFF, THEN BURY IT IN BANKS WHEN THEY FIND IT!
THEN...
SINCE WHEN HAS A TOP MAGICIAN TAKEN TO TALKING TO MULES, MAX?
AT LEAST HE DOESN'T ANSWER BACK! WHAT'S THE LOWDOWN ON STANFORD, ALEX?
A GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST HAS TOLD HIM THAT LIZZIE'S PLACE IS RICH IN URANIUM. SHE'S SITTING ON A FORTUNE.
I'VE GOT A FEELING HE'S GOING TO CHANGE HIS MIND. THIS IS WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO, ALEX...
JED STANFORD RECEIVED A VISITOR...
MY GRANDADDY, TOLD ME TO COME INTO TOWN AND FIND AN ASSAY OFFICE MISTER. HE WANTS TO KNOW IF THIS IS GOLD?
HOLY MACKEREL!
IF THAT AIN'T GOLD, I'M A RED INDIAN!
NEXT WEEK: MR. MERLIN SHOWS JED STANFORD A FEW MORE TRICKS!
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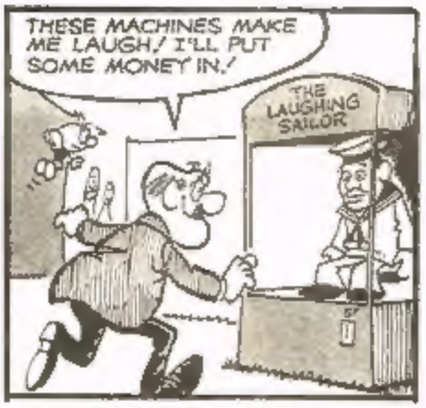
MIGHTY MOTH

IT'S NOT FAIR! I CAN'T EVEN COME TO THE FAIR WITHOUT THAT MOTH FOLLOWING ME!
HOOP


THESE MACHINES MAKE ME LAUGH! I'LL PUT SOME MONEY IN!
THE LAUGHING SAILOR

HA-HA-HA!
IT DOESN'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
HA-HA!

BUT...
HO! HO! HO!
HE-HE!

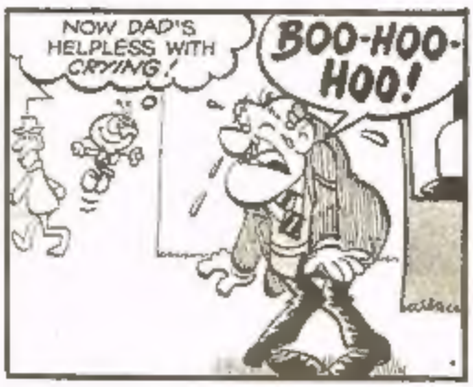
HA! HA! HA!
IT WORKED! HE'S HELPLESS WITH LAUGHTER!

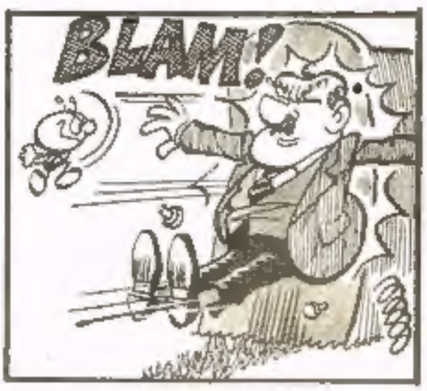
THONK!

THAT'LL TEACH YOU!
SOB!

BOO-HOO-HOOO!
DON'T CRY, MIGHTY MOTH!

BOO-HOO! SOB! HOOO!
STOP IT! (CHOKE!) YOU'RE MAKING ME CRY AS WELL! (SOB!)


NOW DAD'S HELPLESS WITH CRYING!
BOO-HOO-HOO!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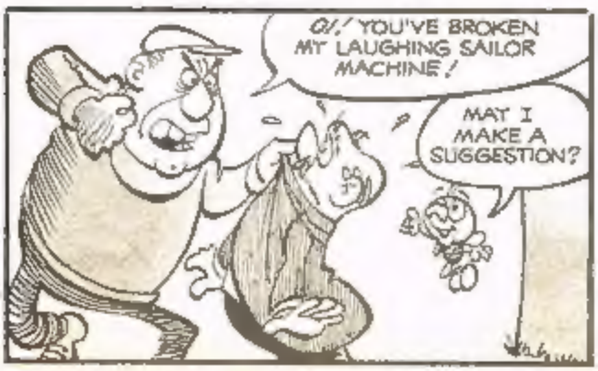
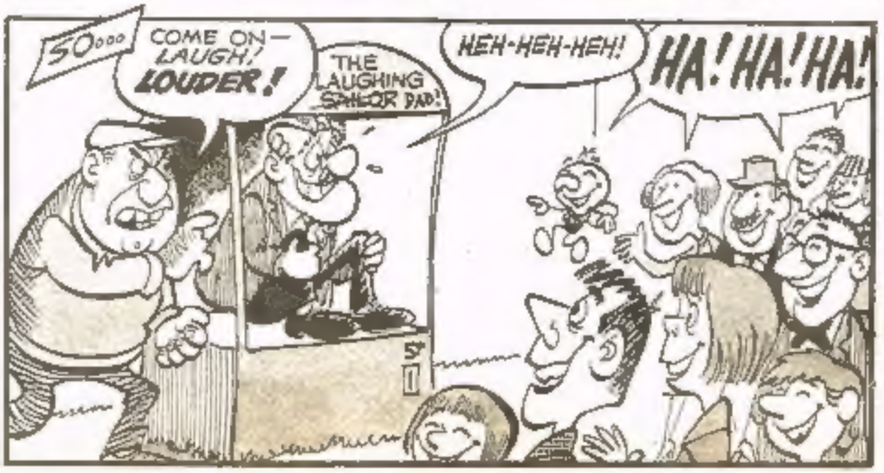
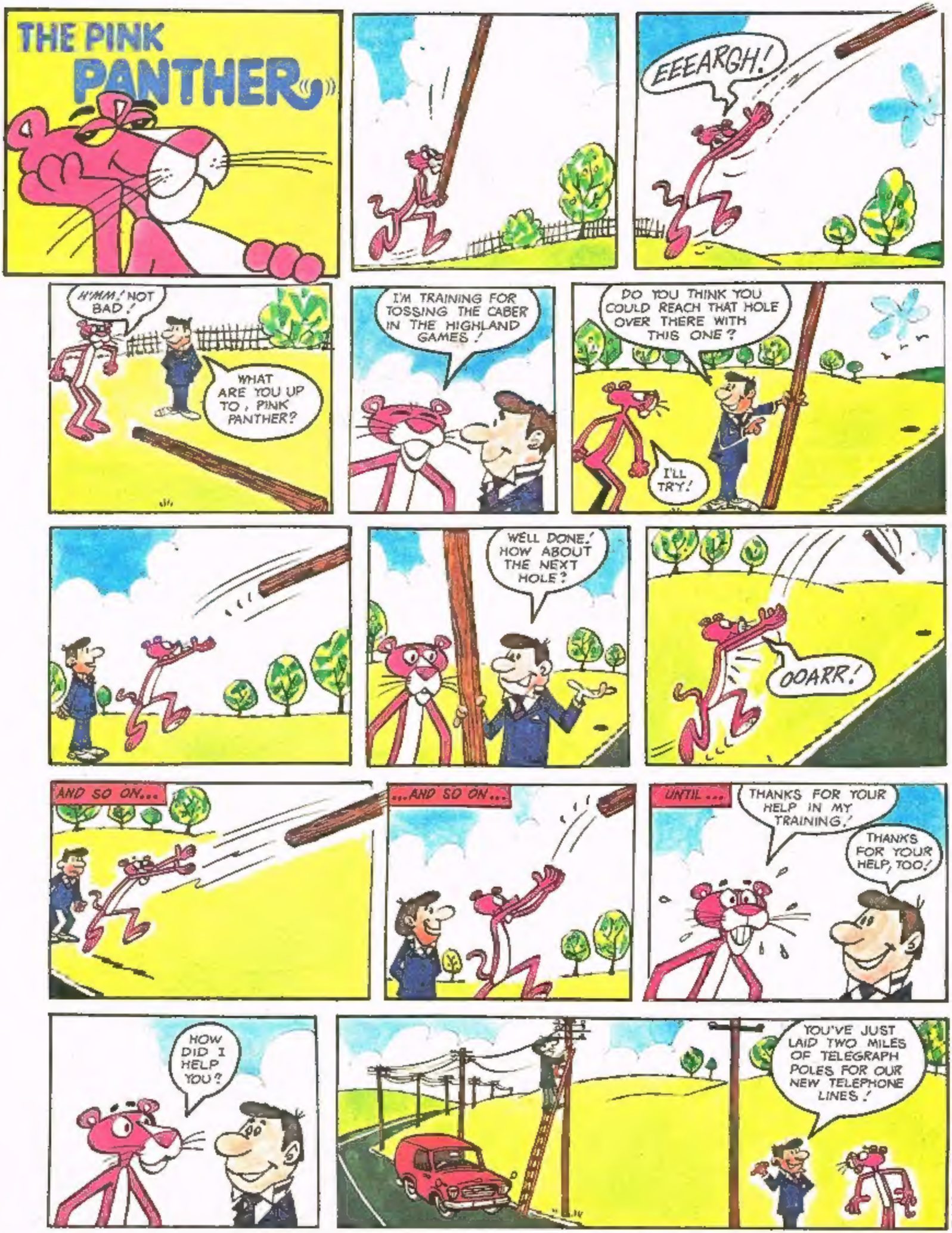

OI! YOU'VE BROKEN MY LAUGHING SAILOR MACHINE!
MAY I MAKE A SUGGESTION?


SO...
COME ON— LAUGH! LOUDER!
THE LAUGHING SAILOR DAD!
HEH-HEH-HEH!
HA! HA! HA!


THE PINK PANTHER
EEEARGH!
H'MM! NOT BAD!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, PINK PANTHER?
I'M TRAINING FOR TOSSING THE CABER IN THE HIGHLAND GAMES!
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD REACH THAT HOLE OVER THERE WITH THIS ONE?
I'LL TRY!
WELL DONE! HOW ABOUT THE NEXT HOLE?
OOARR!
AND SO ON...
...AND SO ON...
UNTIL...
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN MY TRAINING!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, TOO!
HOW DID I HELP YOU?
YOU'VE JUST LAID TWO MILES OF TELEGRAPH POLES FOR OUR NEW TELEPHONE LINES!
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BATTLE OF THE PLANETS

EARTH'S ARCH-ENEMY, ZOLTAR, TRAPS THE FIVE SUPER-POWER YOUNGSTERS OF G-FORCE ON THE DREADED 'ASTEROID OF NO RETURN'. THEY SEE GIANT SPIDERS COCOONING THEIR SPACESHIP...

GANG, FORM A POWER PYRAMID, WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT THE SPIDERS.

THEY'RE TURNING THE PHOENIX INTO A GREAT SPOOL OF SILK.

THE FABULOUS FIVE CHANGE THEIR FORM...

A TIDAL WAVE CAPER!

WE'LL WASH THEM AWAY!

A SMASH SPLASH!

YIPPEEEE! ON TARGET!

QUICK, BACK TO THE PHOENIX!

TO THEIR DISMAY...

MARK, THE COOOON'S SEALED ALL HATCHES.

OH, NO! WE'LL NEVER OPEN THEM IN TIME.

THE SPIDER'S ARE COMING BACK.

BEAT IT!

BLEEP! THEY'RE FIGHTING MAD NOW.

ANOTHER MENACE PRESENTS ITSELF...
GIANT BIRDS OF PREY! SCATTER!
WE'LL BE A HAWK'S LUNCH!
PHEEEW! I USED TO LIKE BIRD-WATCHING!
BUT NOT THIS WAY ROUND. THAT WAS CLOSE!
TO MARK'S HORROR...
I HAVE! I'M NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE!
PRINCESS, DON'T! COME BACK!
NOW WE'RE BETWEEN SPIDERS AND HAWKS!
ANY MORE BRIGHT IDEAS?
I'LL SHOW THOSE MALES! I'M NO DOVE. I'M TIRED OF LEAVING ALL PLANS TO THEM.
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, COME ON!
IF THE SPIDERS DON'T GET HER, THE HAWKS WILL!
CAN THE PRINCESS ESCAPE THIS FATE? FIND OUT NEXT WEEK!

NOW IN THE WEST END
AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Tom and Jerry
YOU'LL BE CREASED UP, WHEN I DELIVER THIS BALL RODENT! HEH! HEH!
I'M SURE STUMPED AS TO HOW TO ESCAPE THIS TIME!
BUT SEEING AS BUTCH ISN'T HERE TO BAIL ME OUT, I'LL HAVE TO GO OVER THE TOP. PUFF!
THEN
CHOCKS AWAY!
PUFF ANOTHER INCH AND I'LL BE AWAY! PUFF!
IT'S TIME I PUT SOME SPACE BETWEEN ME AND THAT BALL!
WHOOSH!
GRRRR! C'MERE!
TOM'S JUST NOT PLAYING CRICKET! HELLO! THE BALL'S LANDED NEAR BUTCH I WONDER?
ZZZZ
AND.
WHEN I GET THIS BALL BACK I'LL BOWL JERRY A GOOGLY- TO MAKE HIM GO ALL GOOGLY-EYED!
HE DOESN'T KNOW IT YET, BUT IT'S ALL OVER FOR THAT TATTY TOM
QUIETLY DOES IT! HUH..?
NNNN
CRICKET SHOULD BE PLAYED BY GOOD SPORTS ONLY, TOM IT'S TIME YOU GOT THE
YEAGH!
POINT! SNIGGER!
JAB!
BONK!
AND IT'S TIME I TAUGHT YOU THE RULES, TOM
ONE- DON'T PLAY AROUND WITH BUTCH TWO- I DON'T LIKE TO BE WOKEN MUMBLE, MUMBLE!
CHUCKLE! BUTCH LOOKS A BIT TESTY AND IS ALL OUT TO KNOCK UP A CENTURY- AND TOM'S NOT EVEN BATTING AN EYE-LID!
BONK!
BOK!
NNGH!

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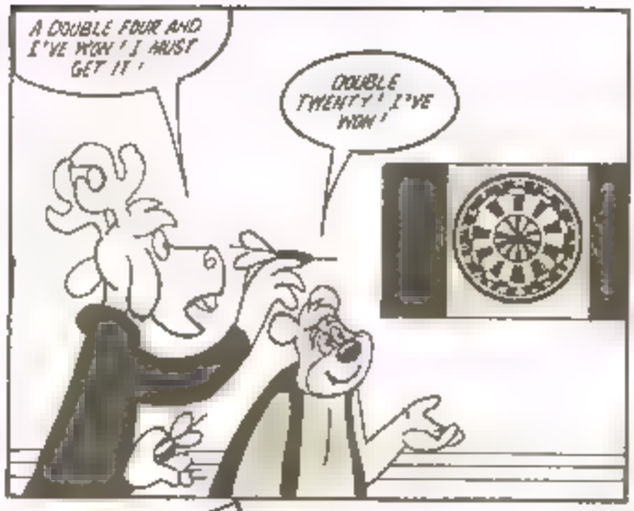
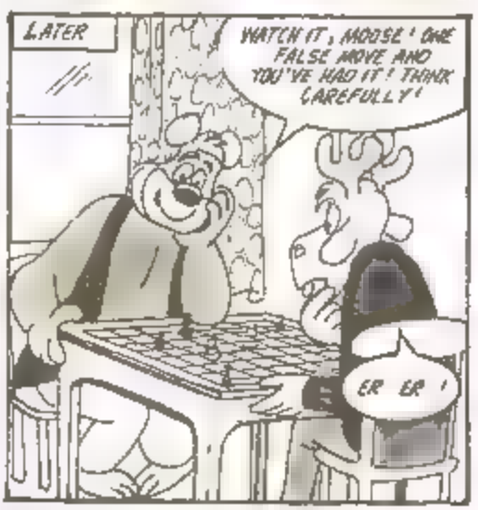
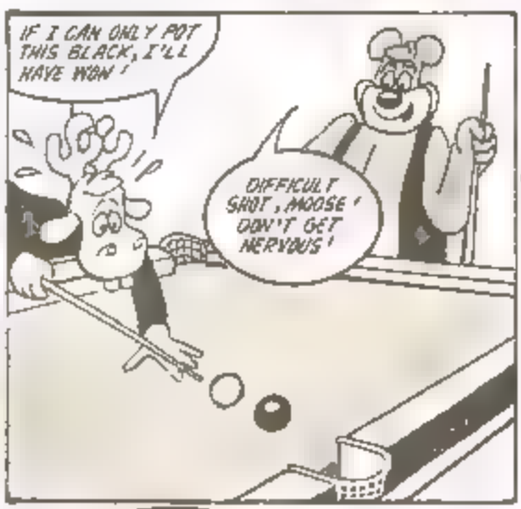
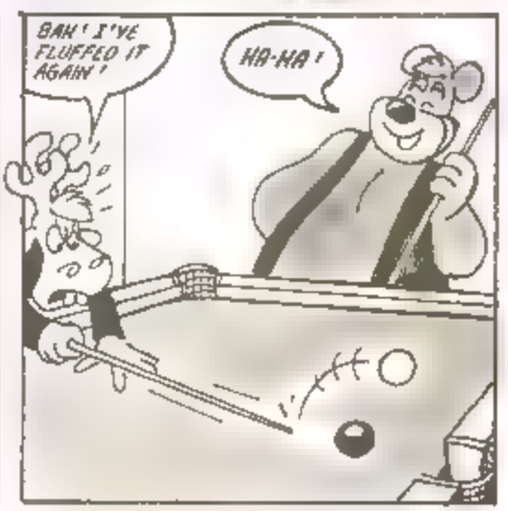
BARNEY BEAR









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LETTERS

Dear Ed

One night I was in bed, when suddenly the end of my bed went up. I was so scared and banged on the floor for Dad to come up. I told him there was something under my bed. Then we found it was my big dog, Peppie. Peppie had found a bit of food and could not reach it, so he squeezed under my bed which made the end of it go up.

From someone who forgot to sign their name, Horsham.

Please write to tell me your name so that I can send you a postal order – the Ed.

★STAR LETTER

Dear Editor,

Once when my Grandad was young, a salesman came to his house and knocked on the door. His mother opened it, and the salesman said, "Ah, hello, madam, allow me to demonstrate the latest fashion in vacuum cleaners." As he said this, he dropped a pile of dirt on the carpet. "Now, madam, if this new vacuum cleaner doesn't pick all of that dirt up, I shall eat it off the floor myself!" My Grandad's mother then said, "Start eating, then. We haven't got electricity."

From Stuart Grudgings, Atminster.

LAUGHS

Dear Editor

Q. Where do you take a sick horse?
A. To a horsepital.

Q. What goes to bed with his shoes on?
A. A horse

Q. What horse can't you ride?
A. A clothes horse

From Clark Johnson, Derby.

Dear Ed.

Q. Which snake is the best at sums?
A. An adder

Q. Which bird can lift the heaviest weights?
A. A crane

From John Paul, Leeds.

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WEATHERHOUSE POEM

Here is another of the winners of the Weatherhouse poetry competition

THE RAIN

Who likes the rain?
"I," said the duck
"Then I can paddle in the deep puddles."

Who likes the rain?
"I," said the frog.
"Then I can jump from stone to stone
And get wet."

Who likes the rain?
"I," said the girls and boys,
"Then I can take my umbrella out,
And splash in the puddles."

From Fiona McKerral, Falkirk.

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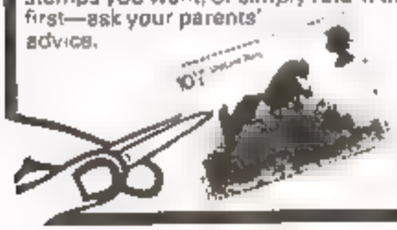

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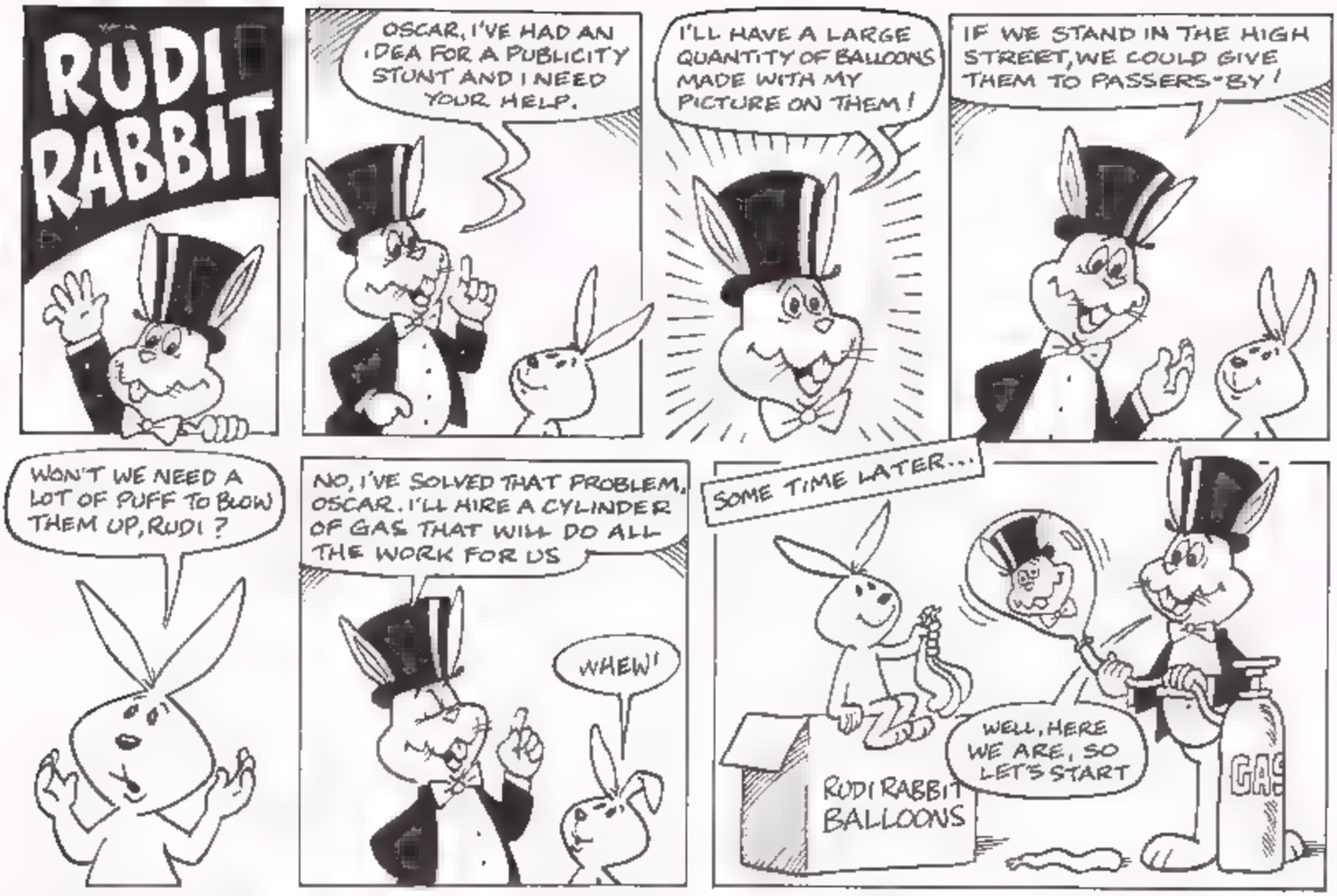
RUDI RABBIT
OSCAR, I'VE HAD AN IDEA FOR A PUBLICITY STUNT AND I NEED YOUR HELP.
I'LL HAVE A LARGE QUANTITY OF BALLOONS MADE WITH MY PICTURE ON THEM!
IF WE STAND IN THE HIGH STREET, WE COULD GIVE THEM TO PASSERS-BY!
WON'T WE NEED A LOT OF PUFF TO BLOW THEM UP, RUDI?
NO, I'VE SOLVED THAT PROBLEM, OSCAR. I'LL HIRE A CYLINDER OF GAS THAT WILL DO ALL THE WORK FOR US
WHEW!
SOME TIME LATER...
RUDI RABBIT BALLOONS
WELL, HERE WE ARE, SO LET'S START
GAS
BETTER HAVE A GOOD STOCK READY, EH, OSCAR?
HERE'S ANOTHER BUNCH, OSCAR.. OSCAR..
ER, EXCUSE ME, HAS ANYONE SEEN A LITTLE WHITE RABBIT - ABOUT SO TALL - HOLDING SOME BALLOONS?
GAS

ALI BONGO'S BAZAAR

Salaams!

THE SAD-HAPPY MAN

Carefully copy the picture of the man's face on to a stiff piece of paper – but make it a bit larger. Notice that his mouth and eyebrows are quite straight.

Fold the paper neatly along the dotted lines so that you have a little 'valley' running down the middle of his face. The diagram shows exactly how the edge of the paper should look. Now if you hold the picture up and tilt the top *away* from you the man will appear to be looking upwards and smiling. But if you tilt the top *towards* you, he will look very sad indeed.

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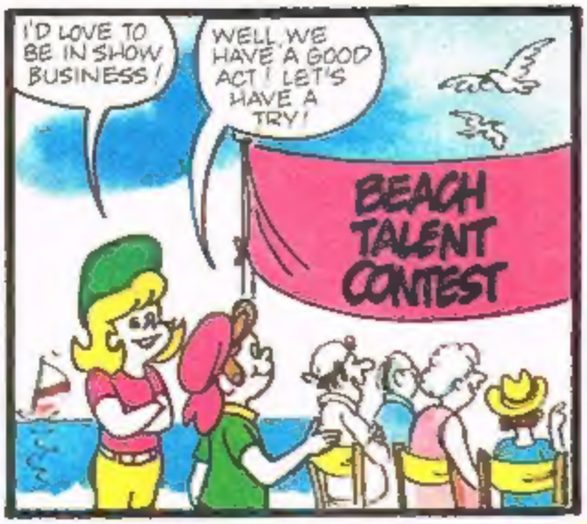
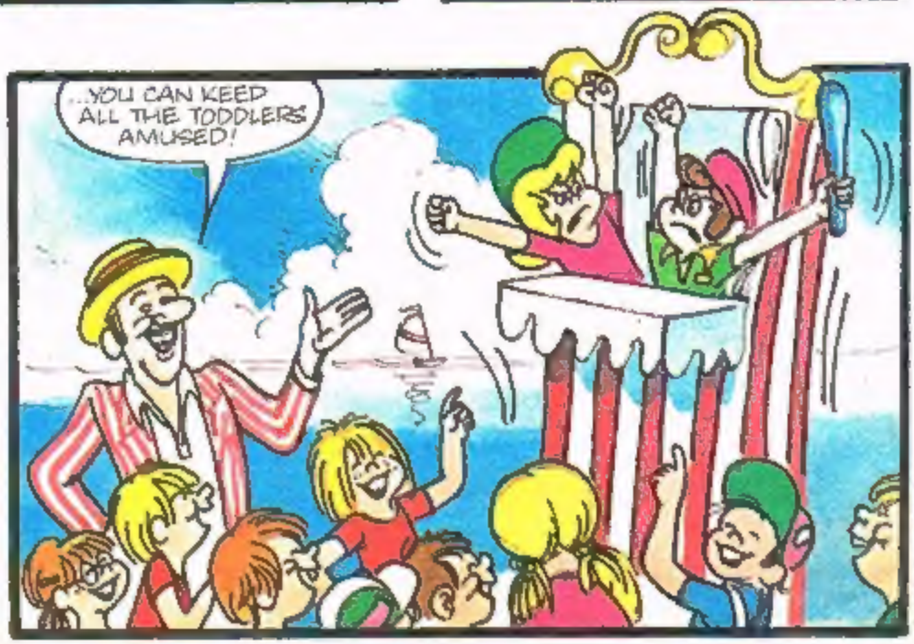
The Bisto Kids





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POPEYE
SPINACH
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW TOWN FOUNTAIN, WIMPY?
I CAN'T SEE IT WILL SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE!
HI, WIMPY! HOW ABOUT ME BUYING US BOTH A HAMBURGER?
WHAT A GOOD IDEA!
EH? BRUTUS IS UP TO NO GOOD!
HEY, WIMPY, IS THAT A POUND NOTE ON THE FLOOR?
LET ME SEE!
I'LL GIVE HIM A GREAT SQUIRT OF MUSTARD!
I CAN'T SEE A POUND NOTE!
I MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN!
SWITCH!
THIS WILL BE A LAUGH!
HMM! DELICIOUS!
EH? I DON'T GET IT! HIS EYES AIN'T EVEN WATERING!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT YOUR HAMBURGER, BRUTUS?
ER... SURE!
NYEEAR!
I GUESS THE FOUNTAIN HAS COME IN USEFUL, AFTER ALL! ARF, ARF!

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